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SUBJECT: NEW LONG-TERM CARE INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT WEB SITE

The U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao, with assistance from the American Association of Health Care Association (AHCA) and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging (AASHA), announced the launch of the Caregiver Jobs Clearinghouse Web site (www.CareCareers.net) on April 23, 2002. Created to address the long-term care nursing shortage, the Web site is dedicated exclusively to linking job seekers to long-term care profession careers.

This new online resource is free of charge to job seekers and employers, and the Caregiver Jobs Clearinghouse Web site allows job seekers to research local job listings and post their resume. In addition, employers can use the site to post job listings and access the resumes of potential employees. Secretary Chao and Olympic gold-medalist Jimmy Shea, who is supporting this initiative, will appear in public service announcements across the nation promoting the Caregiver Jobs Clearinghouse Web site.

The shortage of front line nursing staff is a crisis confronting the nation's system of long-term care, and a recent AHCA study shows that approximately 115,000 nursing jobs remain unfilled throughout the nation. Since there is a direct correlation between care quality and the number of nursing staff serving in long-term care facilities, the AHCA President and CEO, Dr. Roadman, indicates that filling long-term care jobs is essential to improving care provided to vulnerable seniors. Dr. Roadman stated, "CareCareers.net is an innovative and constructive initiative that will help our nation achieve this important objective."

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